धर्म	41 अल्पसंख्यक बाहुल जिलों में धार्मिक अल्पसंख्यकों की जनसंख्या की प्रतिशतता से देश में उनकी जनसंख्या (जनगणना-1981)
मुसलमान	36.71
ईसाई	8.75
सिख	1.91
बौद्ध	14.98
पारसी	70.65

Separate Ministry for disabled persons

7562. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a separate Ministry for disabled persons at the Centre and departments for the disabled in each State of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide education and solve the problems of the mentally retarded children in the country particularly in the State of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF WELARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The Government have no proposal at present to set up a separate Ministry for disabled persons at the Centre. Setting up of Departments for handicapped welfare in the States is the responsibility *ol* the respective State Governments.

(c) A separate Miaistry for Disabled persons is not necessary at this stage.

(d) Three schemes are implemented through voluntary organisations for education, training and rehabilitation of handicapped persons including mentally retarded children. The name of schemes, the total number of voluntary organisations in the country and in Punjab are as follows:—

Name of the Scheme	Total number of NGOs assisted during 94-95	Total number of NGOs assisted during 94-95 in Punjab
1. Assistance to Organisations for the Disabled.	409	6
2. Assistance to voluntary organisations for establishment of Special Schools.	42	1
3. Assistance to Organisations for manpower development in the field of Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation.	13	—

Programme for SC/ST under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Scheme

7563. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether programmes under Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Scheme for the SC/STs have been fully achieved during the last three years; and

(b) if not, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) There is no scheme named "Dr. Baba Ambedkar Scheme for the SC/STs" being implemented by the Ministry of Welfare. However, in March, 1992, the Government set up Dr. Ambedkar Founda-

tion, which it implementing somber *ol* Kbemes. details of which are enclosed.

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Details of schemes for SC/ST being implemented by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/ Scheme	Breif particulars of the project/scheme	Estimated cost	Status report
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Feature film on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	A full length colour feature film of international standard on the life and achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in English Hindi and dubbing in other regional languages.	Rs. 6.00 crore	Director of or the film appointed. The script has been finalised by the Script Committee headed by Shri Mata Prasad, Governor, Arunachal Pradesh. Production of film is likely to commence soon.
2.	Publication of Dr. Ambedkar's Writings and Speeches.	Translation and publication of Writings and Speeches of Babe Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar into Hindi and other regional languages.	Rs. 7.35 crore	Work on Translation and publication of Dr. Ambedkar's Writings and Speeches is in full swing under the aegis of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. Six volumes in Hindi, 5 volumes in Tamil, 2 volumes in Gujarati and Punjabi each have already been published Work in other languages is in advanced stage of progress. Rs. 6.44 crores released to the Foundation so far for this project.
3.	Erection of Statues	The scheme of erection of ten statues of Baba Saheb at Bodh Gaya, Bombay, Yarwada, Calcutta, Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Madras, Mysore, Shimla, Thiruvananthapuram are to be	Rs. 0.40 crore	Funds have already been released to the concerned State Govts. & UT Administration Rs. 4 lakh per statue. Statues at Shimla, Chandigarh, Mysore and Madras have al-

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		implemented by the States/UTs.		ready been erected. Work regarding erection of other statues is in progress.
4.	Setting up of Library.	To set up Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library	To be firmed up.	Land for Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library has been allotted on Janpath near Hotel Meridian in the Institutional Area between Raisina Road and Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road. Necessary work regarding planning, designing, etc. of the library is in progress. Rs. 5.50 crores released to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation in March, 1992.
5.	Setting up of Dr. Ambedkar Chairs.	To set up Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in Universities in different disciplines.	Rs. 1.00 crores	Nine Chairs have been sanctioned at: 1. Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (UP) — Law. 2. Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences and Research, Mhow, Indora University (MP) — Religion and Social Development. 3. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi — Sociology. 4. Nagarjuna University, Guntur, (AP) — Social Policy — Social Action. 5. Nagpur University — History of Dalit Movements.

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				6. National Institute of Social Work and Social Sciences (NISWASS) Bhubaneswar (Utkal University) — Social Work. 7. Calcutta University—Anthropology. 8. University of Madras-Economics. 9. Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie-Social Justice. 10. Out of these, Chairs in the Universities of Aligarh, Nagarjuna, Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences, Mhow (MP), National Institute of Social Work and Social Sciences (NISWASS), Bhubaneswar (Utkal University) have been operational. Appointment of professors for the other Chairs is in progress. Rs. 1.00 crore released to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.
6.	Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships.	Under this scheme, 4 fellowships each year for higher studies abroad to meritorious Indian students in Economics Sociology, International relations Law & Constitutional Law are awarded.	Rs. 8.00 crore	Four fellowships are being awarded every year since 1992-93. Eight Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships have so far been awarded. Rs. 3.20 crore given to Dr. Ambedkar Foundation so far.

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7.	Dr. Ambedkar National Award.	Dr. Ambedkar National Award of Rs. 10 lakh has been instituted for social understanding and upliftment of weaker sections.	Rs. 1.00 crore	Award for the year 1993 given away by the President of India to National Institute of Social Work and Social Sciences (NISWASS), Bhubaneswar on 13th May, 1995. The Awardee for 1994 has been selected and presentation ceremony will be organised in due course of time. Proposals for 1995 Award have also been received which are under consideration.
8.	Dr. Ambedkar International Award.	Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change of the value of Rs. 15 lakhs.	Rs. 2.50 crore	Instituted from 1995. Proposals will be invited in July 1995.
9.	Setting up of Memorial.	Setting up of Memorial at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi, where Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar lived and breathed his last.	To be firmed	Acquisition proceedings for acquiring the premises at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi where Baba Saheb lived and breathed his last on 6th December, 1956 are in progress in Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Necessary planning and designing of the Memorial to be put up there is in hand. Dr. Ambedkar Memorial at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi, will be put up after the site is acquired by Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Rs. 8.00 crore have been provided in 1995-96 budget for the purpose.

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10.	Museum	A Museum to preserve the Relics of Baba Saheb established by Symbiosis Society, Puna.	Rs. 0.10 crores	Relics have been preserved and Museum established at Pune.

Maulana Azad Educational Foundation

7564. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Maulana Asad Educational Foundation established and with what amount;

(b) what are the major achievements of this foundation so far; and

(c) what are the plans of the Ministry to make the foundation more effective and result oriented?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (•) to (c) Maulana Asad Education Foundation was registered as a society on 6th July, 1989. The intial donation was Rs. 1,55,500* contributed by various organisations including Central Wakf Council. Apart from providing training to 738 girls/ women in 5 Skill Upgradation Courses, the Foundation has released grants to Muslim Welfare Society, Bhopal and other technical/educational institutions including Maulana Azad Education Trust, Aurangabad.

During 1992-93, the Central Government gave a grant of Rs. S crores to the Foundation for its corpus fund. An additional amount of Rs. 25.01 crores was released during 1994-95 for enhancing its corpus fund. Out of the interest earned on this amount, the Foundation will implement programmes such as:

(i) running residential schools for girls, especially in slum or rural areas;

(ii) establishing chairs in Indian and foreign universities for conducting research and studies on the life and works of Maulana Azad;

(iii) instituting an international award of Rs. 15 lakhs to be given annually to a person having done commendable work for promoting amity amongst nations and peace amongst individuals.

Permission to Blind Students to undergo eye checks

7563. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Schools for the Blind in Delhi are not permitting their students to undergo eye check ups for fear of reduction in the grant they receive from the Govemment;

(b) whether large number of students in Delhi's 100 Blind Schools can get their sights back if the schools allow them eye check up and treatment; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to get the eyes of all the students in the Blind Schools in Delhi tested and treated?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) According to the report received from the Govemment of National Capital Territ-